

COUNSELING FOR PUBLIC INTEREST CAREERS FROM 1L TO RETIREMENT

Wednesday, April 1, 2009

1:45 p.m. – 3:13 p.m.

NALP Conference, Washington, D.C.

THE NITTY GRITTY OF PUBLIC INTEREST JOB SEARCHES - RESOURCE LINKS

I. National Public Interest Job Search

A. PSLawNet: www.pslawnet.org

1. Job Search Fundamentals – links to sample resumes, cover letters, interviewing tips, and more:
<http://pslawnet.org/jobsearchfundamentals>
2. National Public Interest Career Fair Calendar:
<http://pslawnet.org/careerfairs>
3. Loan Repayment Assistance Program (LRAP) Info:
<http://pslawnet.org/financingpublicinterestcareer>
4. Summer Job Funding Info:
<http://pslawnet.org/summerfundingresources>

B. Legal Services and Public Defender Openings (nationally) – National Legal Aid & Defender Association job board: <http://www.nlada.org/Jobs>

C. Nonprofit Openings (nationally) – IdeaList

D. Legal Services/Public Interest Jobs in California: <http://www.calegaladvocates.org/employment/>

E. Legal Services/Public Interest Jobs in Illinois: <http://www.illinoislegaladvocate.org/index.cfm?fuseaction=jobs.showJobs>

F. Craigslist – www.craigslist.org > Jobs > Nonprofit (or Legal)

G. DC Legislative Jobs

1. On Capitol Hill: <http://hillzoo.com/?s=jobs>
2. Off Capitol Hill: <http://www.hillzoo.com/jobs/>

H. Postgraduate Public Interest Fellowships - <http://www.pslawnet.org/informationandresources>

I. Federal Government Opportunities

1. PSLawNet Government Careers page (info and links to many other resources): <http://www.pslawnet.org/governmentcareers>
2. USDOJ Salary Info:
<http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/hp/hpsalary.htm>

3. Civil Services Positions – <http://www.usajobs.gov/>
 4. Exec. Branch Appointment Positions - http://www.whitehouse.gov/blog_post/apply_for_a_job/
 5. Presidential Management Fellows Program - <https://www.pmf.opm.gov/>
 6. Various Attorney Honors Programs
 - a. DOJ - <http://www.usdoj.gov/oarm/arm/hp/hp.htm>
 - b. Department of Labor - <http://www.dol.gov/sol/honorsprogram.htm>
 - c. Department of Homeland Security - http://www.dhs.gov/xabout/careers/gc_1192223920159.shtm
- J. Public Interest Law Firm Careers – Harvard Guide to Public Interest Law Firms - http://www.pslawnet.org/uploads/Harvard_Private_Public_Interest_and_Law_Firm_Guide_2008.pdf

II. Public Interest Networking

- A. Washington State Bar Association student info - <http://www.wsba.org/students.htm>
- B. ABA Law Student Division - <http://www.abanet.org/lstd/home.html>
- C. Harvard Public Interest Networking Tips - <http://www.law.harvard.edu/current/careers/opia/landing-your-job/networking/index.html>